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## Staying Safe During Severe Weather Season

**S**pring's just around the corner and that means it's time to start preparing for severe weather season. And the City of Riverside, a designated Storm Ready Community, has a series of programs to help you get ready.

### Severe Weather Awareness Week

Missouri will recognize Severe Weather Awareness Week March 12 through 16. Last year's severe weather season was the deadliest in history with a total of 550 fatalities from 63 different tornados across the country. Take time this week to learn how you can be better prepared for severe weather this season. Both Missouri and Kansas will have their annual statewide tornado drill on Tuesday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m.

### Severe Weather Workshop

On Thursday, March 29, the Riverside Office of Emergency Management will present "Preparing for Spring Storms" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center. The workshop will cover weather terms, how to prepare for severe weather, severe weather safety and "Project Community Alert." Lunch will be provided at this free event. If you're

interested in attending, please RSVP in advance to 741-4172.

### Storm Spotter Training

The Severe Storm Spotter Training, sponsored by the National Weather Service, Riverside Department of Public Safety, Parkville Emergency Management and Platte County Emergency Management, will take place on Wednesday, March 21. The training will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Breckon Sports Center on the Park University Campus.



tone that will sound an alert and give immediate information in a life-threatening situation.

Project Community Alert (PCA) is a community-wide effort to distribute weather alert radios. The City of Riverside partnered with the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee (MEMC) and Price Chopper Stores to sell NOAA weather radios at a special price, \$29.95.

The radios are available at the Office of Emergency Management in the Public Safety building, located at 2990 NW Vivion Road, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Staff can also assist you with programming your radio.

### Project Community Alert

Unlike outdoor sirens, all-hazard radios save lives by alerting people who are indoors when severe weather approaches. They can also alert people in homes, schools and businesses to other types of emergencies. These radios provide constant, useful and up-to-date weather information. They are equipped with a special alarm

### Prepare Metro KC

Prepare Metro KC is a disaster preparedness Web site for the Greater Kansas City region that offers tips on preparing for severe weather along with a guide to help you create an emergency response plan for you and your family. Visit this site at [www.preparemetrokc.org](http://www.preparemetrokc.org).

### Did You Know...

You can receive up-to-date information about severe weather and other important Riverside notifications on your cell phone or via email through the community information service Nixle. To sign up, go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and select your location. This is a free service, although standard text message rates may apply.

## Riverside FPAL

The Riverside Fire and Police Athletic League is a youth crime prevention program that utilizes educational, athletic and recreational activities to create positive relationships between members of the Riverside Public Safety Department and area youth.

### How to Join

Riverside FPAL is always looking for new members! It's free to join and members gets you access to all sorts of fun and free activities throughout the year. For more information, contact Officer Matt Westrich or Firefighter Karen Holland at (816) 741-1191.

### Upcoming Events

FPAL Skate Party  
Tuesday, March 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
River Roll Skate

## Stay Connected

[www.RiversideMo.com](http://www.RiversideMo.com)

[www.RiversideMo.com/blog/](http://www.RiversideMo.com/blog/)

City of Riverside (Facebook)

@RiversideMo (Twitter)

## Trash Pick Up Schedule

Friday .....March 2  
Friday .....March 9  
Friday .....March 16  
Friday .....March 23  
Friday .....March 30

## Free Yard Waste Disposal

Working in the yard this weekend? Don't forget that the City has a new yard waste program available to residents. The City partnered with Pursell Construction Recycling Facility, 6105 NW Riverpark Drive, Riverside Mo., to allow Riverside resident to drop off yard waste to be disposed of. This service is available for FREE - just bring a drivers license to verify Riverside residency. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Materials are accepted by the bag, truckload or trailer.



As part of this program, the Riverside Public Works facility is no longer accepting yard waste in its dumpster. This dumpster is now reserved for bulky items only.

**Quick Tip:** It's against Riverside code to blow grass or leaves into the street because it can obstruct our City's sewer system. Be sure to clean up the streets around your house after doing yard work. ☺

## Service Makes Getting Police Reports Easier

Getting a copy of a police report is now easier thanks to a new online system, DocView. The Riverside Police Department is now utilizing this service where the public and insurance companies can obtain motor vehicle crash reports via the Internet.

When officers respond to a car accident, they will provide those involved a card with the report number and information on how to access the DocView Web site, [www.docview.us.com](http://www.docview.us.com).

"Every accident report we take is uploaded to DocView," Mike Shelton, who oversees the Police Department's records unit, said. "You just enter the date of the accident and the report number and the system will find the

accident and take you to a screen where you can purchase the report."

Reports will cost \$11 to purchase through DocView. This is the standard fee of \$5 for the report along with a \$6 convenience fee.

"We feel this system will not only significantly reduce the amount of time the Police Department spends handling report requests, but it will also allow those involved in an accident to have access to their report from the convenience of their home or office any time of the day," Shelton said.

For more information on the DocView system or obtaining a copy of a police report, contact the Public Safety Records Unit at (816) 741-1191.

## Recycling Extravaganza: April 21

The City of Riverside and City of Parkville have teamed to present a Recycling Extravaganza on April 21 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Pursell Yard Waste Facility. This free event is open to everyone and will help you recycle items that both cities do not collect curb-side. Look for more details about this event in the April newsletter! ☺



## Municipal Elections - April 3

Riverside voters will go to the polls on April 3 for the Municipal Election. Candidate filing closed on January 17 and the following individuals have indicated their intent to run:

Mayor: Kathy Rose, incumbent  
Mike Fuller

Ward 1: Ron Super, incumbent

Ward 2: Seth DeRose

Ward 3: Arthur Homer



Polls will be open at the Riverside Community Center from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. ↪

## “My Riverside” Photo Contest

The City of Riverside is proud to announce our first annual “My Riverside” photo contest. Pictures can include cityscapes, wildlife, events, parks, and community life here in Riverside. There will be one winner in each category (Youth: under 18, Adult: 18-54, Senior: 55 and over), and one overall winner. Winning photos will be published in the City’s 2012 Progress Report, and winners will each receive a \$50 gift card.

### Contest Rules

- The contest is open to everyone. You do not have to be a Riverside resident.
- All photos must be taken within the Riverside City limits.
- Limited to five entries per person.
- Each entry must have the category you are entering and your contact information.
- All photos must be original work of the contestant and never been the subject of a copyright.
- Digital photos: must be jpg files at least 300 dpi at 5” x 7”, and can be submitted to [mhauck@riversidemo.com](mailto:mhauck@riversidemo.com).
- Standard prints: must be at least 4” x 6”.and can be submitted at City Hall or mailed to My Riverside Photo Contest, c/o Meredith Hauck, 2950 NW Vivion Road, Riverside, MO 64150. Photos will not be returned.
- Contest entry deadline is November 30, 2012.
- All photos submitted shall become property of the City of Riverside and may be used in future publications. ↪

## Get Missouri Riverfront Trail Updates Online

Wondering what portions of the Missouri Riverfront Trail are open? Just head to the City website. Updated information on which zones of the Missouri Riverfront Trail are currently open will be available on the Park and Recreation homepage, at [www.riversidemo.com/recreation](http://www.riversidemo.com/recreation).

The Trail Status box will show which zones are open, the date the information was last updated, and any additional details about trail status. This page will also have an RSS feed attached to it in the coming months. ↪

## Girls on the Run 5K

Saturday, May 19 at 9 a.m.  
EH Young Park

The City of Riverside is proud to once again host the Girls on the Run Spring 5K Event! This run will start at EH Young Park and head along Argosy Casino Parkway to the Horizons Parkway Interchange.

Registration costs \$20 through March 15, \$25 through May 17 and \$30 at packet pick up or on race day. To register, visit [www.gotrkcmo.com](http://www.gotrkcmo.com) or [www.sportkc.org](http://www.sportkc.org).

## Free Fitness Classes

The Riverside Community Center offers free fitness classes during the week.

M/W/F from 8 to 9:30 a.m. is Yoga/Cardio/Strength Class.

M/Th from 10 to 11 a.m. is Line Dancing and Weights.

Wed. from 10 to 11 a.m. is Stay Strong Stay Healthy Class.

For more information, call (816) 741-4172.

## Senior Dance

Grab your dancing shoes and head over to the Senior Dance on Monday, March 26.

This FREE event is at the Community Center, 4498 NW High Drive, from 1 to 3 p.m. and features the Ed Smith Band.

See you there!

## Calendar

### **March 6**

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

### **March 7**

Park Board – 6 p.m.

### **March 8**

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

### **March 12**

Tourism Commission – 6 p.m.

### **March 14**

Mandatory Fireworks Vendors Meeting – 7 p.m.

### **March 20**

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

### **March 22**

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

## Kiss or Make Up

**M**ark your calendars for the Riverside Community Theatre's production of "Kiss or Make Up" April 20, 21, 27 and 28 at the Riverside Community Center.

Admission is \$2.50 per person and dinner is available for an additional \$20 per person. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. at the show starts at 7:30 p.m. There is also a matinee performance on April 2 at 3 p.m.

To reserve tickets, visit [www.fbp.info](http://www.fbp.info) or contact Fair Based Productions at (816) 587-1080. ☺

## FREE ADMISSION

The City of Riverside is offering passes for free admission to the Riverside Community Theatre's production of "Kiss or Make Up"

### How to Redeem:

- Bring this coupon to the Community Center prior to the show. Each coupon is redeemable for two free passes. Free passes are good for admission only.
- You must redeem this coupon in advance to receive free passes. Coupons will not be accepted at show performances.
- There are a limited number of free passes available so redeem early!

**Questions?** Contact the Community Center at 741-4172.